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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S. Army holds public meeting on Water Control Plan for S-67 and C-41 Spillway Additions

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will hold a public meeting to provide information on the water control plan for new Structure S-67 on Istokpoga Canal and Spillway Additions at Structures S-68, S-83, and S-84 on Canal C-41A, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., at the Highlands County Extension Office, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, Fla.

In the 1992 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Congress jointly authorized the ecosystem restoration of the Kissimmee River and the Kissimmee River Headwaters Revitalization Project. The Water Control Plan would make changes to the routing of water due to the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.

When Kissimmee River floodplain water levels, resulting from the Kissimmee River restoration project, restrict Lake Istokpoga Basin discharges via the Istokpoga Canal, the Spillway additions would offset the loss of discharge capacity by re-routing flows down C-41A. The Water Control Plan will not change the Lake Istokpoga regulation schedule and will not change optimum water levels in C-41A or other project canals.

Key members of the project delivery team from the Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will be on hand to answer questions. Presentations by Corps and SFWMD staff will begin at 7 p.m., followed by public comments and questions.

Assistance for individuals with special needs may be arranged by calling (904) 232-1106.